

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. Apparatus for making a granola or snack-food product, comprising:-
a mixing station, for mixing of a binder solution with ingredients for the snack-food product;
a forming station, for forming of a mixture of ingredients plus binder into snack-food product precursors, said forming taking place at elevated temperature;
first transfer means for transfer of the mixture from the mixing station to the forming station;
a cooling station at which snack-food product precursors formed in the forming station are allowed to cool to a temperature at which the binder sets; and
second transfer means for transfer of the formed snack-food product precursors from the forming station to the cooling station.
2. The apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the mixing station is for receipt, batch-wise or continuously, of liquid binder from binder preparation apparatus and for receipt of dried ingredients from ingredients preparation apparatus.
3. The apparatus of Claim 2 wherein the binder preparation apparatus includes a binder blending station for blending of binder components, such as water and sugar, and a heating station for heating of the binder components to reduce its water content prior to delivery to the mixing station.
4. The apparatus of Claim 2 wherein the ingredients preparation apparatus comprises a dosing station, at which ingredients can be dosed with oil and other optional liquid components, and a baking station, at which the dosed ingredients can be baked prior to delivery to the mixing station.

5. The apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising a packing station and means for transfer of cooled snack-food product from the cooling station to the packing station.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawing includes a new figure as requested by the Examiner in the June 11, 2004 Office Action. No new matter has been introduced in the required drawing.

Attachment: New drawing sheet